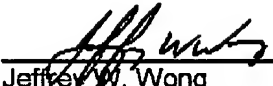


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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits a three-month extension of time along with the responsive submission. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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